

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clondrohid**

Ref: **492**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **188**

Category: **B**

Date: **06/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	25	22
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	14	15
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	188	185

Overall Developmental Approach:

The sign-posting of your historical and areas of interest was noted and admired, throughout the village. Your problems in relation to filling the FAS position are unfortunate. It is to be hoped that this problem is rectified before next year's competition. Do be assured that you don't need to be positioned on a main route in order to be a successful tidy town! There are many fine examples throughout the country of towns in similar locations to yourself that do extremely well. It was disappointing to note that you had not included a development plan with this year's entry, despite the fact that this was commented upon as being a problem in last year's report. This document need only be a few pages long, outlining your plans and objectives for the village's future and setting a timeframe against their implementation. You will find it an invaluable document as the years go by.

The Built Environment:

The community hall was fine and the new creche in the vicinity of the playing fields was admired. The school looked extremely fresh, with attractive cheerful window boxes. However, its railings to the front appeared quite flaky and should be painted up before next year's competition. The Post Office was extremely fresh, as was the Spar. The church had been freshly painted and its grounds were beautifully maintained. The relatively new trees in this location are coming along well. Do ensure that any remaining projecting plastic signs are removed and replaced with ones of a more traditional timber variety.

Landscaping:

The old mill wheels at the entrance wall to the community field were admired. An incidental landscaped bed filled with marigolds, at the bridge looked quite cheerful. New trees had been planted in the church grounds and to the side of the community hall - these were coming on well. Tubs filled with flowers all around the village were admired. Do ensure that you increase your level of permanent planting and trees, in order to gain year round effect and establish a good investment for future generations.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The riverside is an obvious location for a wildlife project. Unfortunately, this area is in extremely poor condition at the moment and will need to be developed up. Do get the local school children involved in organising a wildlife project, in order to study the habitats in their locality. Local experts should also be consulted in order to assist you in this aspect of the competition.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was reasonably good. The main roads were free of litter. However, a large amount was evident scattered along the avenue leading to the community field.

Tidiness:

The relocation of the recycling area was noted. Do consider screening these, so that they are less obtrusive when viewed from the public road. A building on the hillside near the bridge sported broken windows and looked unfortunate. A yard on the Millstreet side of the village should be screened from public view. Weed control was generally good except on the road leading down to the community field.

Residential Areas:

The standard in this category of the competition was generally quite good. The houses on the Macroom side of the village were generally well maintained, although one or two were not to the same high standard. The use of colour throughout the village was admired and looked quite cheerful. Attractive window boxes to one house were admired and the cheerful display of poppies and lupins to another garden looked marvelous. Stone wall and planting to a house on the Ballyvourney side of the village looked most cheerful.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The attractive welcome signs were admired as were the square traditional village nameplates. On the Macroom side of the village, the verges appeared to have been quite roughly cut back, as had the grassy banks. The finger post signs for all areas of interest have already been noted. On the Ballyvourney side of the village, the stone walling was admired and the hedgerows had been reasonably cut back. However, the bridge was in poor condition and some attention would need to be given to this before next year's competition. Blackberries and ferns were noted in the hedgerows. A concrete post and wire fence should be replaced by indigenous hedging of hawthorn or beech. In terms of signage, the Children Crossing sign in the village centre was in need of some attention, as it appeared quite grubby.

General Impression:

Clondrohid is an attractive hamlet, which has the capacity to do extremely well in the competition. Do ensure that you gain as much help and assistance as you can from both the local community and

local authority in this regard.